

October 13, 2010

ITEM NO. A2

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE URBAN INSTITUTE
TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS FOR THE CHICAGO HOUSING
AUTHORITY**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into a contract with the Urban Institute for the period of November 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011, in an amount not-to-exceed \$174,320 to conduct professional research and analysis for the Chicago Housing Authority ("CHA") related to the Chicago Family Case Management Demonstration Project, and with respect to crime patterns as a result of the presence of Housing Choice Voucher ("HCV") residents in a community.

FUNDING SUMMARY

General Fund

Vendor:

The Urban Institute
2100 M Street, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20037

Contract Type:

Professional Services

Base Contract Term:

November 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011

Original Contract Amount:

\$174,320 NTE

M/W/DBE Participation:

Direct ___ % MBE ___ % WBE ___ % DBE

Indirect ___ % MBE ___ % WBE ___ % DBE

Waiver Yes - Partial

Section 3:

___ (#) Hiring _____ (\$) Subcontracting 1.5% (\$2,614.80) (\$) Other Economic Opportunities

EXPLANATION

CHA seeks to enter into a contract with the Urban Institute for the term of November 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 to conduct research and analysis for the CHA. The contract's primary focus will be to conduct research on two initiatives: 1) tracking long-term outcomes for the Chicago Family Case Management Demonstration project and 2) an impact analysis on crime patterns as a result of HCV residents in Chicago's neighborhoods.

The Chicago Family Case Management Demonstration project is a partnership of the Urban Institute, CHA, Heartland Human Care Services and Housing Choice Partners which has provided enhanced, wrap-around case management and relocation services to approximately 450 residents at Ida B. Wells and Dearborn Homes since the inception of the project in March 2007 through its completion in the spring of 2010. The proposed agreement will enable the Urban Institute to conduct a follow-up survey with participants in 2011 and perform an analysis of the results. The survey will be beneficial to CHA in assessing the longer-term effects on residents' outcomes and, ultimately, in long-term planning for services to residents.

Another purpose is to further study the impact of CHA relocatees who have used a HCV, and HCV recipients in general, on patterns of crime in Chicago's neighborhoods. The MacArthur Foundation funded the initial study, and CHA seeks to fund further analysis. MacArthur will match CHA's funds for the proposed projects.

CHA desires to enter in this contract with Urban Institute based upon its expertise in research on public housing, and its previous involvement in the Chicago Family Case Management Demonstration project. The staff of the Urban Institute has been dedicated to conducting impartial, fact-based research, which has been instrumental in CHA's strategies to meet the goals of the Plan for Transformation, including delivery of services to residents.

Based upon the foregoing, it is in the best interest of the CHA to authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into a contract with the Urban Institute for the period of November 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011, in an amount not-to-exceed \$174,320 for professional research and analysis services related to the Chicago Family Case Management Demonstration Project, and with respect to crime patterns as a result of the presence of HCV residents in a community,.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-CHA-123

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated October 13, 2010, entitled “AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH THE URBAN INSTITUTE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS FOR THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into a contract with the Urban Institute for the period of November 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011, in an amount not-to-exceed \$174,320 to conduct research and analysis related to the Chicago Family Case Management Demonstration Project and with respect to crime patterns as a result of the presence of Housing Choice Voucher residents in a community,.

